

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ciprian Agapi.

Confirmation No.: 4561

Serial No.: 10/664,293

Date Filed: September 17, 2003

Group: 2174

Examiner: Muhebbullah, Sajeda

Docket No.: BOC9-2003-0062 (435)

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

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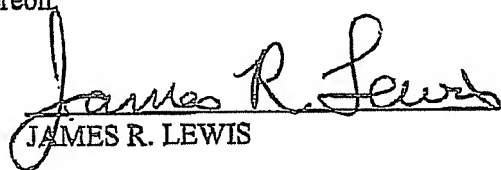
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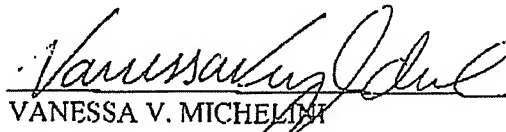


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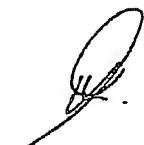
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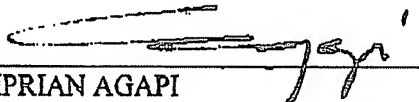
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Exhibit A



Disclosure BOC8-2003-0072

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*Title of disclosure (in English)

Optimal arrangement of user-modified variable names in a drop-down list

Summary

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Response Due to IP&L

*Main Idea

1. Background: What is the problem solved by your invention? Describe known solutions to this problem (if any). What are the drawbacks of such known solutions, or why is an additional solution required? Cite any relevant technical documents or references.

A common method for the selection of an item in a graphical user interface (GUI) is a drop-down list. The default arrangement of items in such a list is typically alphabetical. An alphabetical organization is optimal for some purposes, but not all. One situation in which an alphabetical arrangement is suboptimal is the presentation of variables in a callflow development GUI, given that users can rename automatically generated variables. In such a situation, it is better to put the renamed (or user-named) variables at the top of the list because they are the variables that are most likely to be selected by a callflow designer. This disclosure describes a method for accomplishing this goal.

2. Summary of Invention: Briefly describe the core idea of your invention (saving the details for questions #3 below). Describe the advantage(s) of using your invention instead of the known solutions described above.

Each variable in the list has an attribute that indicates whether the variable has an automatically generated or user generated name. The variable list is sorted first on this attribute, then on a secondary attribute such as position in an alphabetical list or generation time of the name (in a preferred embodiment, the user can select in a Preferences dialog the preferred secondary attribute). Note that this is one way to implement the invention, but we are not claiming to have invented this method. It's our intention that this disclosure covers any known method of achieving this front-of-screen characteristic in a drop-down list.

3. Description: Describe how your invention works, and how it could be implemented, using text, diagrams and flow charts as appropriate.

For example, imagine a graphical callflow development system for which each element in the callflow receives an automatically generated label (for example, F00010). The value of the variable created during that step of the callflow (if any) would be something like F00010. An alphabetical list of these kinds of variables would look like:

F00010
F00020
F00030
F00040
F00050
...

These labels (and corresponding variable names) are not especially meaningful to a designer working with the variables. If the system permits designers to change variable names, a designer would very likely change the names of the key elements that he or she planned to use at later stages of the callflow. Suppose F00010 is the step for setting a reminder time, and the designer has renamed the label to Time. Further suppose that the designer, in a later step of the process, is feeding that time back in a system message (You have set a reminder for <Time> tomorrow. Is that correct?). The alphabetical list of variables would look like:

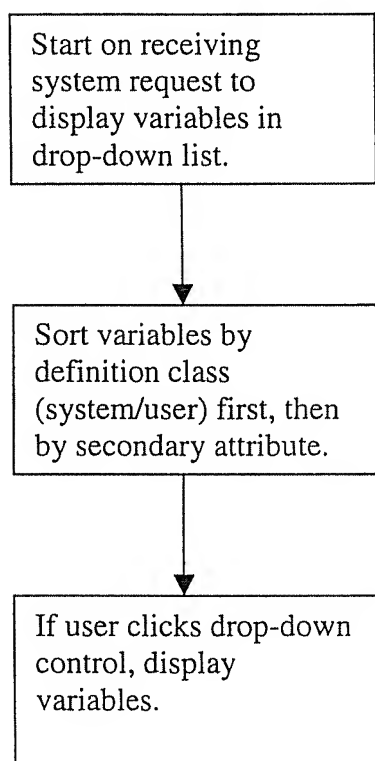
F00020
F00030
F00040
F00050
Time
...

In this hypothetical situation, the only variable that the designer cares enough about to rename is at the bottom of the list of variables. If the system 'knew' that this was a user-defined variable name and used that information when creating the variable order, putting user-defined names at the top of the list, the list would look like:

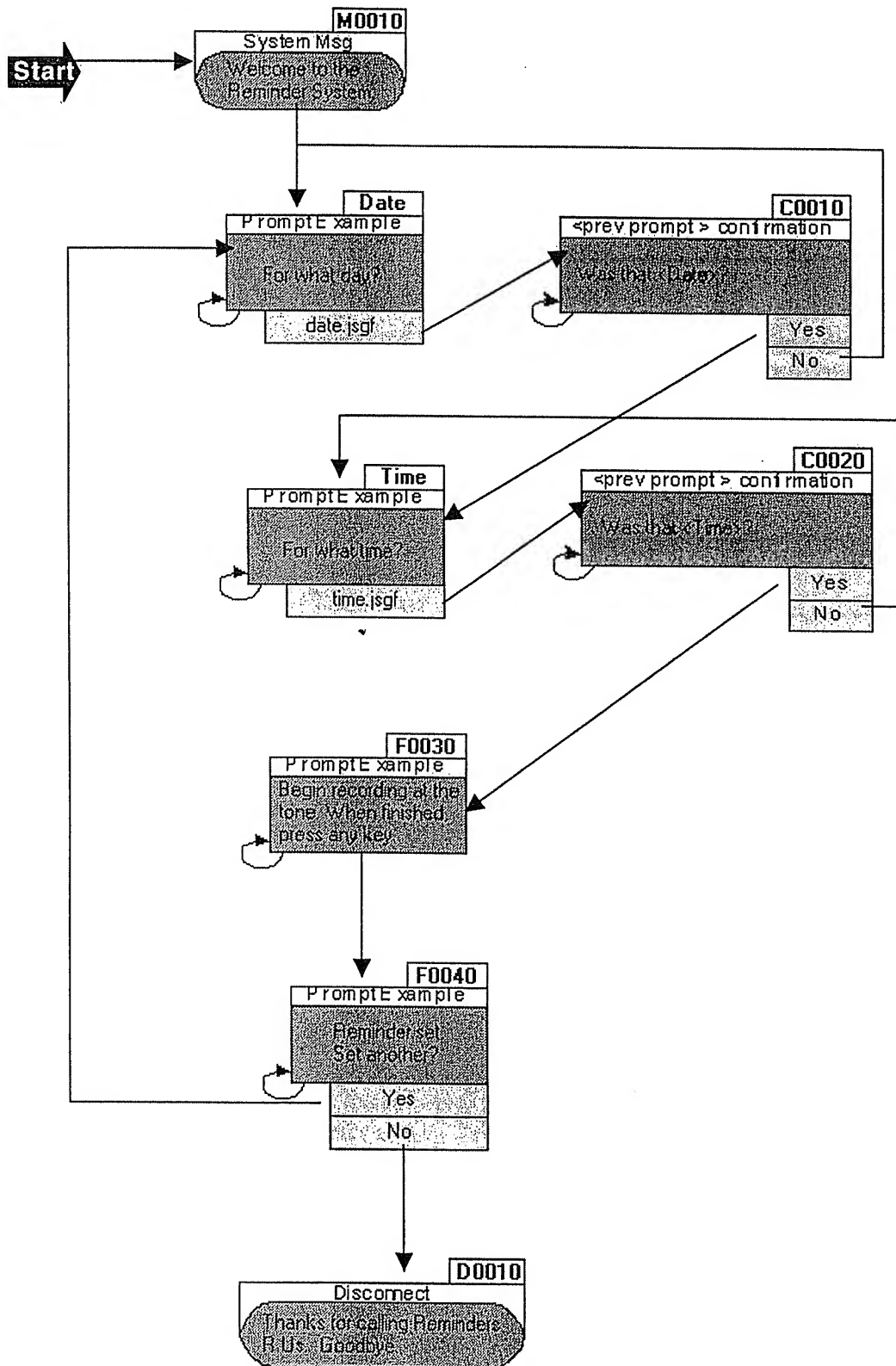
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This would make it much easier to work with the variables in this type of system, especially as the number of automatically generated variables becomes larger.

Here's a high-level flowchart of the process:



Finally, here's a figure of a possible instantiation of a callflow GUI with system- and user-generated labels for callflow elements, and a depiction of the associated variable drop-down list:



With the standard presentation method, the list of variables in a drop-down list would be:

Date

C0010
C0020
F0030
F0040
Time

Using the proposed optimization method, the list would be:

Date
Time
C0010
C0020
F0030
F0040

In the example above, the initial system-generated values for Date and Time were F0010 and F0020 respectively. The illustration shows the callflow after the user has made the indicated changes. Note that the special treatment of user-generated variables would apply to variables that the user adds to the set just as it applies to those variables that the user renames.

Also note that in another embodiment, there might be value in providing an additional level of organization to the user-defined variable names. For example,

Prompts:

Confirm
Flavor
Function
...

Statements:

Time
Try Again
Welcome
....

This variation might be especially advantageous as the number of variables increases in an application.

~~*Patent # 4,112,401~~

* 1. ~~Selecting a single appropriate variable for use in an application from the following technologies list:~~

~~(473) IBM 400 Human Interface - Front of Screen Display 8 User Input Systems 472 Graphics for computer-aided design 2 planning functions~~

Comments

~~Authenticate any modification to the system to which the invention is likely to be applied?~~

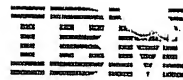
☐ Yes ☒ No

*2. ~~Have you implemented the invention (e.g., word processing) or otherwise shown that it works?~~

☒ Yes ☐ No

~~What is the subject matter of the invention? (e.g., word processing) For which IBM product is it being developed?~~

Exhibit B



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June 27, 2003

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REF: Invention Disclosure: BOC8-2003-0072
Title: **Optimal arrangement of user-modified variable names in a drop-down list**
IBM Docket: BOC9-2003-0062

Dear Kevin,

Please prepare and file the above referenced case with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the invention disclosure, patentability search results and inventor's comments are enclosed for your use in preparation of the application in accordance with IBM's format.

Please note the inventor has indicated that this invention may be incorporated into a product planned for announcement September 25, 2003. Please prioritize this application according. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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RE: New U.S. Patent Application
OPTIMAL ARRANGEMENT OF USER-MODIFIED VARIABLE NAMES
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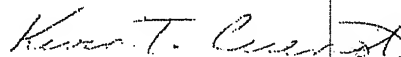
Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter dated June 27, 2003. In accordance with IBM standard protocol, a patent application will be prepared and filed in the above-referenced matter on or before September 25, 2003. Notwithstanding, we will strive to prepare the patent application in an expedient manner.

As always, thank you for allowing us to be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

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Re: Draft Patent Application for METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT OF USER-MODIFIED VARIABLES IN A DROP-DOWN LIST
IBM Docket No. BOC9-2003-0062; Our Docket No. 6169-435

Dear Inventors:

Attached please find a draft of a patent application and associated drawings for your review in the above-identified matter. Please review the application carefully to ensure that the description of the invention accurately recites all of the invention's characteristics in the broadest possible manner, while also explaining, in detail, the preferred embodiment of the invention. The drawings should also be reviewed to confirm that they accurately depict the various details of the invention as you and your co-inventors understand them.

Importantly, please ensure that each inventor named on the cover sheet of the patent application has contributed to the conception of your invention as described in at least one of these claims. If for some reason we have neglected to list an inventor who has contributed to the conception of subject matter described in a claim, please so advise us immediately.

Once you have reviewed it, please forward your comments and/or any suggestions you may have.

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We've reviewed the draft and have realized, as we did for 6169-434, that there is no need for us to restrict this disclosure to drop-down lists. The disclosure is also applicable to other GUI presentation list methods such as list boxes, and is potentially applicable to analogous speech list presentation methods. For this reason we recommend the following:

1. Please change the title to "Method and Arrangement of User-Modified Variables in a Presentation List".
2. Please do a search/replace throughout the document to replace "drop-down list" with "presentation list". Or, because the disclosure includes 0023, maybe you can leave 'drop-down list' in many places of the document where it serves as an example of one type of presentation list in the detailed description. It looks like substituting 'presentation list' for 'drop-down list' in the claims will work out OK.
3. Change 0001 to "This invention relates to the field of user interfaces and more particularly to the presentation of lists from which users will make a selection, such as drop-down lists and list boxes."
4. In 0004 please change "where users can create their own variable name" to "where users can create their own variable names".
5. In 0004 please change "place the user created variable" to "place the user-created variables".
6. In 0004 please change "because they are the files that are most likely" to "because they are the variables that are most likely".
7. Please remove 0020 from the disclosure. In reviewing this alternative embodiment, we decided that it no longer made sense to us.
8. Please change Claim 1 to "A method of arranging user-modified variable names in a presentation list, comprising the steps of:
receiving a system request to display variables in the presentation list; and
sorting the variables by giving user-named variables greater priority over system-named variables and then sorting by a second attribute.

9. Please change Claim 3 to "The method of Claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the step of distinguishing between a user-named variable and a system-named variable."

10. Please delete Claim 5 -- variables should not have the same name.

11. In Claim 8, in addition to replacing 'drop-down list' with 'presentation list' (see (2) above), please replace 'defined classes' with 'named variables'.

12. Please change Claim 10 to "The system of Claim 8, wherein the processor is further programmed to distinguish between a user-named variable and a system-named variable."

13. In Claim 11, please change "system variable" to "system-named variable".

14. Please delete Claim 12 -- variables should not have the same name.

15. In Claim 15, in addition to replacing 'drop-down list' with 'presentation list' (see (2) above), please replace 'defined classes' with 'named variables'.

Please let me know if you have any questions about these recommendations.
Thanks.

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Re: Draft Patent Applications for METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT
OF GRAMMAR FILES IN A PRESENTATION LIST and METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT OF
USER-MODIFIED VARIABLES IN A PRESENTATION LIST
IBM Docket Nos. BOC9-2003-0060/BOC9-2003-0062; Our Docket Nos. 6169-434 and 6169-435

Dear Inventors:

Enclosed please find for execution final drafts of the above-identified patent applications, the Declarations and Power of Attorney, the Assignments, the Oaths and Assignments for the Republic of China, REDLINED versions of the patent which evidence the changes you have requested and which have been incorporated into the final versions as well as the drawings.

After your review of the REDLINED patent applications and drawings, if the patent applications accurately recite all of the inventions' characteristics, by copy of this e-mail to Melanie Esquivel, please print out the formal documents and sign and date the enclosed documents where indicated.

Once the documents are fully executed, Ms. Esquivel can forward the documents to our office for filing with the patent applications.

Finally, if you feel we have not fully addressed your concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us prior to executing the documents. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Note to Jim: Per Pablo Meles, the changes to "user-named variables" and "system-named variables" were also done in the Summary of the Invention and in the Abstract. Also, a dependent claim reciting drop-down lists and list boxes was added.

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Dear Inventors:

Enclosed please find for execution final drafts of the above-identified patent applications, the Declarations and Power of Attorney, the Assignments, the Oaths and Assignments for the Republic of China, REDLINED versions of the patent which evidence the changes you have requested and which have been incorporated into the final versions as well as the drawings. **The formal documents have been updated to include Mr. Agapi's current address. Please disregard the previous e-mail sent August 29, 2003.**

After your review of the REDLINED patent applications and drawings, if the patent applications accurately recite all of the inventions' characteristics, by copy of this e-mail to Melanie Esquivel, please print out the formal documents and sign and date the enclosed documents where indicated.

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Note to Jim: Per Pablo Meles, the changes to "user-named variables" and "system-named variables" were also done in the Summary of the Invention and in the Abstract. Also, a dependent claim reciting drop-down lists and list boxes was added.

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